



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Peter-Franz ARNOLD et al.

Appl. No: 10/815,979

Confirmation No: 7720

Filed: April 2, 2004

For: METHOD AND MACHINE FOR  
PRODUCING A NONWOVEN FOR  
THE FILTER ROD PRODUCTION

Art Unit: 3721

Examiner: Christopher R. Harmon

Atty. Docket No: 41653-200624

Customer No:

**26694**

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

**AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2006, the following reply is submitted:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of the Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.



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<b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> <b>For FY 2006</b>		<b>Complete if Known</b>	
		Application Number	10/815,979
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Filing Date	April 2, 2004
		First Named Inventor	Peter-Franz ARNOLD et al.
		Examiner Name	Christopher R. Harmon
		Art Unit	3721
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT</b>		<b>(\$)</b>	<b>0</b>
		Attorney Docket No.	41653-200624

**METHOD OF PAYMENT** (check all that apply)

☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 22-0261 Deposit Account Name: VENABLE LLP

For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

☒ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee

☒ Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayment of fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 ☒ Credit any overpayments

**FEE CALCULATION** (All the fees below are due upon filing or may be subject to a surcharge.)

**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

**Total Claims**      **Extra Claims**      **Fee (\$)**      **Fee Paid (\$)**

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HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

**Indep. Claims**      **Extra Claims**      **Fee (\$)**      **Fee Paid (\$)**

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HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

**3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

**Total Sheets**      **Extra Sheets**      **Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof**      **Fee (\$)**      **Fee Paid (\$)**

\_\_\_\_\_ - 100 = \_\_\_\_\_ / 50 \_\_\_\_\_ (round up to a whole number) x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees Paid (\$)**

<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>			
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		Date	September 14, 2006

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